

**FREIGHT MOBILITY BRIEFING PAPER
for the
APRIL 2002 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this presentation to the Commission is to submit for review a draft Freight Implementation Plan. This item is part of the FY02 Commission Agenda Work Plan which requires the department to *propose an implementation plan for focusing and coordinating freight initiatives with 2003-2013 WTP implementation and 03-05 budget proposals.*

ACTION/OUTCOME:

The expected outcome is the Commission will gain a familiarity with the Freight Implementation Plan that will allow them to comment on the plan and subsequently approve the plan during May, 2002.

BACKGROUND:

At the December, 2001 Commission meeting, John Doyle gave a presentation that had the intent of: 1. overviewing the activities of the new Freight Strategy and Policy office; and 2. providing an overview of what a WSDOT Freight Implementation Plan would look like. The department committed to providing a draft plan during April, 2002 with a goal of the Commission approving the plan during May, 2002. The Commission concurred with the actions being taken.

DISCUSSION:

Within the DOT, activities that support freight mobility are located functionally in several different organizations. These range from the freight rail programs to the Highway System Plan to CVISN and ITS, the Freight Strategy and Policy office, and others. The majority of WSDOT's financial support for freight mobility can be found in the Highway Construction Programs.

The Freight Implementation Plan will be a compendium of the department's activities and projects that support freight mobility. The emphasis will be to communicate responsibility and accountability (who's doing what and when are they going to do it).

Although the plan is exclusive to how WSDOT will support freight mobility, it recognizes we have important partners outside the department.

This first iteration of the plan is being developed in an environment of uncertain funding. Consequently, the plan will be constructed in a manner where it can be quickly changed to accommodate changed conditions.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission communicate any changes to the plan that will allow for adoption during May, 2002.

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